

THE PENCIL FRAUD

And Others Equally Revolting Shown Up by Senator Elkins.

DEFENDS THE REPUBLICANS

Of West Virginia, When Attacked by Senator Pettus, Whose Mind Had Been Poisoned by the Siren, John T. McGraw.

On Monday Senator Elkins took occasion in the United States senate to reply to the restrictions of Senator Pettus, of Alabama, who spoke against the seating of Senator Scott on Friday last. Mr. Elkins in part said: Mr. President, I am in favor of the pending amendment, though I am not a Scandinavian and I am not descended from Olaf, as the senator from North Dakota claims to be; but I am a West Virginian, and I would be untrue to my state and the commission I hold were I to allow to pass unchallenged certain statements made against West Virginia and some of its leading citizens in the debate on the resolution to admit my colleague to a seat on the floor of the senate.

I find in the Record of April 27, in the speech made by the junior senator from Alabama (Mr. Pettus) in that debate, some charges which startled and surprised me in respect of fraud and conspiracy, wrongdoing, and oppression on the part of Republicans at Charleston during the election of my colleague (Mr. Scott), which I think deserve some notice at my hands. I want to be explicit and brief.

In the first place, the result of the election in West Virginia in 1898 was a Republican majority of seven on joint ballot in the legislature. This result was changed by the counting out and unseating of three Republicans—one from Monroe county, Mr. Vin, although the court, after a hearing, decided that he was entitled to his seat.

One from Lewis and Webster district, Mr. Dunnington, was counted out by the Democratic county court, although legally elected. Brohard, from the county of Taylor, although elected by a fair majority, was counted out by a fraudulent change of thirty-eight votes—a change fraudulent on its face, because it showed that the name of Brohard had been erased and the name Dent written in its place with a purple or blue pencil in precincts where no pencil was used on the day of the election.

All three of these Republican members were excluded from the legislature, and yet this outrage and wrong left, on the day of the election of the senator by joint assembly, a legislature Republican by one majority on joint ballot. This is admitted by the chief remonstrant, Mr. McGraw, in his memorial, and by all Democrats in the state.

Now, what I want to bring to the attention of the senate is this: Why all this trouble, why all this confusion, and why has this question been brought here and my colleague pursued to the doors of the senate thus at great expense? It is brought about and caused by the fact that a Republican legislature—admitted to be Republican—refused to elect Mr. McGraw, a Democrat, as United States senator.

Hot Shot for Mr. McGraw.

If the legislature was Republican, as admitted by everybody, why was it that Mr. McGraw, the chief remonstrant in this case, remained at the capitol of the state, urging his own election by a Republican legislature? He had no right to be elected, and he could not hope to succeed by fair means. Not to have elected a Republican would have been to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the polls. If the legislature had been Democratic, there were hundreds of leading and distinguished Democrats throughout the state, who had served their party ably and well, and who were loyal to its behests, who would have appeared at the capitol and insisted upon a Democratic senator being elected; but, Mr. President, there was not a conspicuous or leading Democrat in the state who appeared at the capitol and claimed that the legislature was Democratic and that a Democratic senator should be elected save and except Mr. McGraw.

I want to mention the names of some of those deserving Democrats who have always stood by their party and often led it to victory. There was Judge Lucas, of the supreme court; ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, ex-Governor E. W. Wilson, Colonel Pendleton, ex-Governor MacCorkle, ex-Secretary of State Chilton, Hon. David B. Johnson, ex-Senator Camden, ex-Senator Davis, ex-Congressman Pendleton, Judge Towner, Judge Jackson, and then Hon. Charles J. Faulkner, now an ex-senator, but at that time my colleague in the senate; Judge Boyd Faulkner, and many other excellent men. I might mention a hundred other Democrats who were just as alive to maintaining the honor and integrity of the Democratic party as Mr. McGraw, and none of the conspicuous Democrats went to the capitol and urged their election. On the contrary,

SUFFERING AND RELIEF

Three Letters from Mrs. Johnson, Showing that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures the Ills of Women

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am a great sufferer, have much trouble through the lower part of my bowels, and I am writing to you for advice. Menses are irregular and scanty, am troubled with leucorrhoea, and I ache so through my back and down through my loins. I have spells of bloating very badly, sometimes will be very large and other times very much reduced."—MRS. CHAS. E. JOHNSON, Box 33, Rumford Center, Maine, Nov. 20, 1897.

Improvement Reported December, 1897

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to tell you that I am improving in health. I am ever so much better than when I wrote before. The trouble through the lower part of bowels is better and I am not bloated so badly. I was very much swollen through the abdomen before I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I still have a feeling of fullness across my chest. I have used three bottles of it and am on the fourth."—MRS. CHAS. E. JOHNSON, Box 33, Rumford Center, Maine, Dec. 13, 1897.

Enjoying Good Health June, 1899

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Since a year ago I have been taking your medicine, and am now strong and enjoying good health. I have not been so well for three years, and feel very thankful to you for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I would advise all who suffer with female troubles to try your medicine."—MRS. CHAS. E. JOHNSON, Box 33, Rumford Center, Maine, June 1, 1899.

Senator Camden, in a published interview at that time, stated openly that the Republicans had carried the state and they should be allowed to elect their senator, as they had a right to do.

Mr. President, all this talk about fraud, conspiracy, and wrongdoing finds its place in the senate of the United States, and not in the state of West Virginia. There is no Democrat in the state of West Virginia who says there was any fraud or any conspiracy or any wrongdoing. There never was a breath of scandal about the election of my colleague until the debate began here in the senate of the United States.

No Foundation for Minority Report.

The minority report in this case, signed by the single name of the junior senator from Alabama, is founded upon certain alleged depositions, which were excluded by the committee, and properly excluded, because those depositions were not taken by the authority of the senate or by any committee of the senate or by the authority of any court. They were ex parte affidavits, taken haphazard here and there, before a justice of the peace or a notary public or some judge selected by the remonstrant, Mr. McGraw, and brought here, but properly excluded by the committee on privileges and elections.

The junior senator from Alabama makes these depositions the ground of his report, and then he makes the report the ground of an unwarranted and unjust attack in his speech against West Virginia and West Virginia Republicans. These depositions are referred to and cited all through the minority report of the junior senator from Alabama. These depositions are made use of to prove a conspiracy, although they are not before the senate and could not get before the senate, because they were a part and taken without any authority whatever.

The senator from Alabama said in his speech that Morris had been seated and Kidd unseated during a contest, and that Morris was restored to his seat without ever any testimony having been taken or anything having been done. I will quote the senator's words: They had not taken one particle of testimony from the time this agreement was made, except that they had counted upon some votes that the committee had in their possession, and the senate of the state of West Virginia unanimously resolved that Kidd was entitled to his seat. They did not even go through the form of swearing him over again; he was merely suspended anyway.

The journal of the senate, on page 200, shows that a committee of the senate, after Morris was seated, went to Parkersburg, in Wood county, there held a session, summoned the officer having charge of the election returns and the ballots, counted the ballots, and found seventy-one that were illegal, thus reducing the majority to seventy. Here the journal of the senate contradicts the minority report as well as the statement made by the junior senator from Alabama. I submit to the senate that this sort of argument is unfair and unjust, although perhaps not intended by the senator.

Agreement Proposed by Democrats.

There has been a great deal said about a certain agreement entered into by the Republicans and Democrats of the legislature, which I think was entirely in the interest of preventing trouble and in promoting harmony and a legal and peaceable election of a United States senator by the joint assembly. This agreement was proposed by lead-

ing Democrats, good and true men, patriotic and loyal to the state, who wanted to prevent an unseemly party contest. The agreement was written out and submitted to the Republicans. That is shown on its face; but it is charged that this agreement was produced by some means which were not entirely proper.

The agreement originated with Democrats, and it was accepted by the Republicans. I think it played an important part in bringing about the election of a senator in a proper, legal, and orderly way—an election of a Republican that carried out the will of the people, because the clear purpose of some Democrats was to unseat a sufficient number of Republicans to enable the Democrats to elect a Democratic senator, which would have been revolutionary, wrong, and against the will of the people of the state.

I regret exceedingly that the junior Senator from Alabama saw fit to refer to the governor of West Virginia in the terms he did. The senator does not know Governor Atkinson or he would not have done so. The governor is a scholarly and cultured gentleman, a man of stainless character; he has held high positions, been a member of the other house, and is now closing a brilliant term as governor of his state, in which he has given West Virginia a pure, clean, honest and businesslike administration. He is a man against whom there has never been a breath of scandal; and yet he is held up here as unworthy because he preferred the election of a Republican by a Republican legislature to the election of a Democrat. The attorney general, who is also attacked, is a reputable man of the purest character, and is highly esteemed by all citizens of West Virginia.

Collector A. B. White has also come in for his share in the charge of conspiracy—a conspiracy to elect a Republican senator by a Republican legislature—the same kind of conspiracy which permitted the senator from Alabama himself to get here. Mr. White is now candidate for governor of our state. There is no citizen in the state that stands higher, more worthy, or more reputable, and no man with a purer and cleaner record, both as a private citizen and a public officer.

Will Not Be Silent to Charges.

The secretary of state is also charged by the senator as being in this conspiracy. He is attacked. I cannot sit here as a representative in part from my state and permit such unjustifiable assaults upon leading Republicans of West Virginia without resenting them and declaring them not only to be unfair and unjust but unfounded. There are thousands of Democrats in West Virginia who will resist and resent these unfounded attacks and assaults upon the character of these gentlemen.

Connected with the election of my colleague, Mr. President, there is a chapter which has not been referred to in the debate. In counting out Brohard in the county of Taylor, thirty-eight votes were changed in the manner I have stated. The question was brought to the attention of the grand jury, made up of good Democrats and good Republicans.

Mr. Allen—The senator admits there are good Democrats there?

Mr. Elkins—Yes, there are good Democrats in the senate, and there are good ones in West Virginia.

Mr. Allen—And good Republicans, too?

Mr. Elkins—All Republicans are good. (Laughter.)

This crime was so flagrant, this violation of the law so open and outrageous, that the grand jury and the district attorney took it up after the court had decided that Brohard was entitled to his seat. The result of the inquiry of the grand jury was that this crime caused a change of thirty-eight votes; and the facts pointed directly to a man as the chief of the conspiracy, who suddenly died.

Death Saves Them From Prison.

But for his death the conspirators would have been prosecuted, and some of the participants in this crime would, perhaps, to-day be in prison.

The finding of the grand jury was that a felony had been committed in changing the ballots after the election by writing in the name of Dent, the Democratic candidate, instead of Brohard, the Republican candidate.

There is no partiality about this report. It cannot be charged that the members of the grand jury would have signed the presentment or report if the facts were not as stated. Its members were made up of good Democrats and good Republicans.

I felt that it was my duty and due the people of West Virginia that I should make this statement and present some of the facts to the senate.

If it was a fraud, in my judgment it was the only fraud connected with the election in the state of West Virginia in 1898. Happily the state of West Virginia is growing freer from fraud and from violence in elections; and this instance, where a Republican who had seventy-five majority and was excluded from his seat by having thirty-eight votes changed, was perhaps the only instance of fraud being committed, and there was an attempt to prosecute it.

which would have been successful but for the death of a certain individual.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

Improved Order of Red Men Elects Officers and Adjourns to Meet in Wheeling.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 2.—The Great Council Improved Order of Red Men of West Virginia, in session here to-day, selected Wheeling as the place for the meeting of the next great council, and elected the following officers:

Great Prophet and representative to the Great Council of the United States, John S. Scott, of Fairmont; great sachem, George W. Harold, of Huntington; great senior sagamore, D. K. Reid, of Clarksburg; great junior sagamore, E. E. Hood, of Charleston; great chief of records, T. H. Clay, of Huntington; great keeper of wampum, R. H. Lee, of Charleston; great trustees, Michael Stein, of Wheeling; A. N. Barnhouse, of Grafton, and A. S. McDougall, of Harrieville.

The secretary's report showed a large increase in membership, and greater interest.

Great representative and officers were banqueted at Elks' Hall to-night by the local tribes.

SHOT AT THE SHERIFF.

Notorious Woman Makes Good Use of Her Firearms.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 2.—Sheriff Cunningham attempted to break up the notorious house run by "Mame" Jones last night. He arrested the inmates, and sent them to town in a hack, following after them in another hack. They outdrew him, and after raising considerable disturbance reached their house in safety by a round-about way. When the sheriff returned the door was locked against him, and the Jones woman ordered him away, threatening to shoot him full of holes. He began beating in the door with a fence rail, when the woman opened fire from an upstairs window with a revolver, firing four shots, all of which went wild. He finally gained an entrance and made the arrests.

The city council last night refused to add to the police force or to increase the salaries.

MASON FOR POTTENBARGER.

Letter From Dr. Barbee and Others Relating to the Delegation.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer. SIR:—The dispatch from this place under date of yesterday, published in your issue of to-day, to the effect that the delegates to the Republican state convention, elected here on Saturday of last week, will vote for Hon. James K. Hall for auditor is incorrect, and wholly unauthorized by the delegates. At the time the dispatch was sent, nobody here knew the names of the delegates, they having been appointed at several district conventions, widely scattered over the county. The candidacy of Hon. George Poffenbarger, of this county, is the matter of paramount interest in the state convention with our delegation, and the delegates are not now committing themselves to any other person for a place on the state ticket, except Mr. Poffenbarger, and the delegates were selected with special reference to his candidacy.

Believing it to be your wish to be fair to all candidates and all sections of the state, and that you are willing to correct any erroneous impressions inadvertently made by you, we respectfully request you to publish this letter.

Respectfully yours,
A. R. BARBEE, M. D.,
And Others.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., April 30.

Postmasters Appointed.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—West Virginia postmasters have been commissioned as follows:

Stephen L. Weeks, Crisp; J. Harlow Yost, Sandy Huff; R. B. Miller has been appointed postmaster at Aetbury, Greenbrier county.

Upon the recommendation of Senator Scott, Albert Stauffer has been appointed postmaster at Mink, W. Va. Upon the same senator's recommendation, a new office has been established, to be known as Wier, with Harmon G. Young as postmaster.

John F. McCue has been commissioned postmaster at McCue (formerly Spruce), W. Va.

A change in star schedule on Route No. 1672 has been authorized, under which the mail will leave Athens daily, except Sunday, at 6 a. m., and returning leave Oakdale daily, except Sunday, at 10:30 a. m.

Pensions Granted.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, May 2.—Pensions to West Virginia applicants have been granted as follows:

Original—Sylvester Pittman, Great Cacapon, \$6.
Additional—Benjamin F. Connelly, Roanoke, \$12.
Supplemental—George H. Parsons, Rosedale, \$4.

Renewal and increase—David H. Lipscomb, Bayard, \$17.

Increase—James A. Burke, Effie, to \$10; John Cosgrave, Wileyville, to \$10; William Broerman, Wheeling, to \$10; Henry Riddle, See Flat, to \$17.
Widow—Margaret A. Altman, Laurel Iron Works, \$8; Martha F. Buton, Sistersville, \$8.

Old Landmark Destroyed.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. KEYSER, W. Va., May 2.—Forest fires in this section continue to rage, and unless rains come to check the progress of the flames, the damage, which is already very great, will be enormous. The old Grimm homestead, one of the landmarks of this section, was burned yesterday, near Claysville, this county, with all its contents.

For Relief of Veterans.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, May 2.—Senator Scott has introduced a bill to pension Joseph M. Bryant, of West Virginia, and Senator Elkins has introduced a bill to pension William J. Allen, also of West Virginia.

Representative Freer has introduced a bill for the relief of Thomas H. Bunting, and with it filed papers in support of the measure.

Patents Issued.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Patents have been issued to West Virginia inventors as follows: Emory P. Collins, Wheeling, and W. B. Collins, Parkersburg, lumber measures and register.
Thomas F. Barnes, Weston, Inhaler.
Hannan Brothers, Wheeling, have taken out a trademark for cigars.

Price of Lumber Decreases.

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